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SUBJ: GATT BUDGET CALENDAR 1975

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1. SEC ESTIMATES FOR CALENDAR 1974, POUCHED JULY 27, CALL FOR TOTAL BUDGET SF24,520,000, AND INCREASE OF SF2,993,000 OR 13.9 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO 1973 BUDGET. INCREASE MADE UP OF (A) SO-CALLED UNAVOIDABLE INCREASES (INCLUDING CONTRIBUTION TO ITC) OF 7.95 PERCENT AND (B) PROGRAM INCREASES 1.16 PERCENT FOR REGULAR BUDGET AND 4.79 PERCENT FOR MTN (SOME OF WHICH "UNAVOIDABLE").

2. REGARDLESS OF EXTEND WATER IN 74 ESTIMATES (I.E. WHETHER SOME OF UNAVOIDABLES SHOULD BE ABSORBED, AMOUNT NEEDED FOR MTN IS UNCERTAIN, AND COLLOQUIM AND STAFF ASSISTANCE FUND ITEMS MIGHT BE CUT), IT UNLIKELY THAT SAVINGS WILL BE LARGE.

3. ASSUMING 74 BUDGET CLOSE TO ESTIMATES, OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT TO BUDGET LESS THAN SIMILAR PERCENTAGE INCREASE FOR 75. INFLATIONARY INCREASES PRESUMABLY WILL CONTINUE AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF DECREASING PACE. AGAIN AMOUNT NEEDED FOR MTN IS UNCERTAIN BUT WE WOULD ASSUME ACCELERATED PACE OF MEETINGS AND OTHER WORK DURING 74, MAINTAINING PEAK DURING 75. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ASK STR VIEWS ON THIS POINT.

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4. DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG SAYS SECRETARIAT HAS NOT MADE ANY
ESTIMATED FOR 75. ON BASIS OF ASSUMED CONTINUING INFLATION
AND INCREASED REQUIREMENTS FOR MTN, HOWEVER, HIS FLASH
ESTIMATE FOR 75 IS 15 PERCENT ABOVE ESTIMATES FOR 74.

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